

## CONSTITUTIONAL FORCES TAKE CONSTANTINOPLE

Fierce Battle Between the  
Invading Army and  
Royalists.

THOUSANDS KILLED  
IN THE GARRISONS

THE SULTAN IS PRACTICALLY A  
PRISONER IN YILDIZ PALACE,  
AND HE AND THE TROOPS ARE  
AT THE MERCY OF THE INVAD-  
ING FORCES—NEW ORLEANS  
NEWSPAPER MAN KILLED.

By Associated Press.  
Constantinople, April 24.—The con-  
stitutional forces are in complete  
control of the capital to-night and  
the sultan is practically a prisoner in  
Yildiz palace. His formal submission  
has not yet been given, but he and  
the troops with him are at the mercy  
of the army of occupation. Mahmud  
Scheffköt, commander-in-chief of the  
invading forces, desires to finish the  
work without further bloodshed, is  
negotiating with the sultan's represen-  
tatives and has extended the period  
of grace within which the sultan must  
make a decision.

Yildiz Kiosk may be seized during  
the night. Five thousand infantry  
are stationed near the palace.  
The opinion prevails in authorita-  
tive quarters that the sultan will con-  
tinue as nominal constitutional execu-  
tive, responsible with other officials  
to the cabinet, who in turn will be  
responsible to parliament.

TRANQUILITY PREVAILS.

Complete tranquility prevails in the  
city to-night, but anxious eyes are  
turned toward Yildiz, the refusal of  
that part of the garrison to submit  
being the serious feature of the situa-  
tion. Large forces are being concen-  
trated at this point. Troops have  
been pouring in since noon and bat-  
teries placed on the neighboring  
heights, but the task of capturing  
this well guarded stronghold is consid-  
ered difficult. The garrison not only  
possesses artillery, but the neighbor-  
hood is believed to be mined.

The sending forward of advance  
posts yesterday afternoon within two  
miles of the palace foreshadowed  
the attack which began early to-day.  
The forces spread out a long line, and  
made a sweeping attack on the bar-  
racks south of the palace, but met  
with stubborn resistance.

GARRISON CAPTURED.

Garrison after garrison was com-  
pelled to hoist the white flag. At  
noon the battle ceased, and precau-  
tionary measures were immediately  
taken by the victors to insure the  
safety of residents. There were no  
disorders during the afternoon, no loot-  
ing and general satisfaction seemed  
to be felt at the swift change from  
uncertainty to constitutional order.

Perhaps the most remarkable fea-  
ture of the attack was the great num-  
ber of people of different nationalities  
who thronged the streets immedi-  
ately outside the firing zone.

The number of casualties will never  
be known, and is estimated into the  
thousands. At Taksim Barracks alone  
one thousand were killed. In the  
pockets of some of the dead were  
found large sums of money in gold,  
which, it is assumed, were part of  
the price of their loyalty.

Ambassador Leishman declared the  
conduct of the Americans during the  
fighting, and while arranging to send  
them off to a steamer, was splendid.  
The men displayed a keen interest  
in the battle and the women exhibited

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## APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000 FOR THE INSANE ASYLUM

Both Houses Pass the Bill  
Which Was Urged by  
Governor.

VERBAL LOVE FEAST MARKED  
ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE AND  
ALL HARD FEELINGS WIPED  
AWAY—BOTH SENATE AND  
HOUSE ADJOURNED UNTIL  
TUESDAY MORNING.

By Fred M. Allen.  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24.—Happy  
speeches and a regular verbal love  
feast marked the adjournment of the  
house today and wiped away all hard  
feelings that might have been created  
during the fight over the McMullen  
prohibition resolution.

Representative MacWilliams of St.  
Johns announced that he would not  
move to reconsider the vote on the  
resolution. He was applauded by the  
ladies and the members.  
Mr. Hilburn, the floor leader of the  
submissianists, responded happily and  
expressed the highest regard for the  
gentleman from St. Johns and sent a  
beautiful bouquet of roses to his desk  
by a page. Several felicitous speeches  
followed and now the dove of peace  
hovers once again over the hall of  
the house.

Each house passed a bill during the  
day appropriating \$30,000 for the de-  
ficit in the appropriation for the  
Florida insane asylum. The need of  
this was urged by the governor in a  
special message.

Before adjourning the house voted  
unanimously to certify the prohibition  
resolution to the senate for concurren-  
ce in the slight amendment made.  
Both houses adjourned until Tues-  
day as Monday is Memorial Day and  
a legal holiday.

SESSION OF SENATE.

Twenty-four members were present  
when the senate was called to order  
at 10 o'clock.

Resolutions were introduced as fol-  
lows:

Senate resolution No. 36, Leggett,  
for clerical aid for enrolled bills  
Committee.

Bills were introduced as follows:  
Senate bill No. 231, Humphries, de-  
fining intoxicating liquors and bever-  
ages.

Senate joint resolution No. 232,  
Beard, for constitutional amendments  
relating to pardons.

Resolutions were then considered.  
Senate concurrent resolution, Beard,  
endorsing lecture on Confederate navy  
delivered by Judge A. O. Wright.  
Adopted.

A message was received from the  
governor conveying communication  
from the state calling attention to  
needed repairs on the capital build-  
ing. Another message conveyed the  
biennial report of the state auditor.

As a special order, senate bill No.  
30, McCreary, relating to entry on en-  
closure to hunt or fish, was taken up.  
Bill passed to third reading.

Bills on second reading were taken  
up.

Senate bill No. 71, Broome, relative  
to the pay of jurors. To third read-  
ing.

The senate waived the rules on  
motion of Senator Humphries and  
passed to the consideration of bills  
on third reading.

Senate bill No. 42, McMullen, pro-  
viding for confirmation by the judge

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## Four Lost Their Lives When a Hotel Burned

By Associated Press.  
Topeka, Kan., April 24.—Four per-  
sons lost their lives and three others  
were seriously injured in a fire that  
destroyed the Central hotel here early  
today. The hotel, which was a two-  
story brick structure, was situated  
on Kansas avenue between Fifth and  
Sixth streets in the business district.  
The dead:  
John W. Erickson, Clay Center,  
Kansas county, clerk.  
Frederick Gay, Iola, Kansas, re-

porter on Topeka Breeze.  
F. S. Stratton, Polk county, Missouri,  
dish washer in hotel.  
The injured:  
E. L. Campbell, proprietor of the  
hotel, burned and overcome by smoke,  
serious.  
A woman guest, name unknown, se-  
riously.  
George Goodrich, fire lieutenant, se-  
verely burned.  
Cheadle and Stratton were both tele-  
graph linemen.

## New Rules of Cotton Exchange Explained

By Associated Press.  
New Orleans, April 24.—President  
William B. Thompson makes the fol-  
lowing statement of the bearing and  
scope of the new rules of the New  
Orleans cotton exchange in relation  
to cotton future contracts:  
"The New Orleans cotton exchange  
has recently adopted certain changes  
in the future contract and in the  
rules governing deliveries under the

same. These changes, not only in  
the opinion of the members of the  
exchange but in the impartial and  
critical judgment of the commissioner  
of corporations of the department of  
commerce and labor of the federal  
government, will secure to the trader  
fair treatment and satisfactory re-  
sults and to both the cotton producer  
and the manufacturer the great bene-  
fits of a just and uniform system of  
future trading."

## MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL MATTERS SETTLED, TALLAHASSEE IS QUIET

Clouds of the Prohibition  
Battle Are Now Clear-  
ing Away.

MANY BILLS ARE  
ON THE CALENDAR

SOME OF THEM ARE OF MUCH  
IMPORTANCE AND WILL BE  
FULLY OCCUPIED—THE STATE  
FACES A DEFICIT AMOUNTING  
TO SEVERAL HUNDRED THOU-  
SAND DOLLARS.

By Fred M. Allen.  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24.—The  
clouds of the prohibition battle have  
cleared away and old Tallahassee is  
settling down to her accustomed  
quiet once again. The biggest fight  
of the session is over and the ses-  
sion is not yet one-third over. Both  
houses will jump onto their calendars  
in earnest during the week for they  
have been getting bigger every day  
while the fight over the submission  
of the McMullen amendment took the  
minds of the legislators away from  
the other measures pending.

The question of submitting the pro-  
hibition amendment to the vote of  
the people was the most important  
matter that will come before the leg-  
islature, for the eyes of all the coun-  
ties of the state were turned Talla-  
hasseward to see what disposal  
would be made of it. There are other  
questions that will receive far more  
discussion at the hands of the legis-  
lators than the submission question  
for they were already aligned for  
that before they came to the capital.  
But there are none that will interest  
the entire state as much.

SERIOUS FINANCIAL PROBLEM.  
The 1909 Florida legislature faces  
a serious financial problem. The  
state faces a large deficit amounting  
to several hundred thousand dollars.  
Many appropriations made by the last  
legislature have not yet been paid and  
are still waiting in line. The pension  
problem is a steadily growing one  
and there is already a deficit in that  
fund that amounts unpleasantly high.  
Skillful work and a very economical  
policy will have to be closely adhered  
to.

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## GOV. GILCHRIST URGES IMPORTANT AMENDMENT

WATERS-PIERCE  
CO. PAYS A FINE  
OF \$2,000,000

Famous Litigation in Texas  
Ends By Company Trans-  
ferring the Cash From  
Banks To State Treas-  
urer's Office.

By Associated Press.  
Austin, Texas, April 4.—The final  
chapter in the litigation in Texas  
against the Waters-Pierce Oil Com-  
pany was enacted today in a most  
spectacular way when the fine of  
nearly two million dollars was paid.  
Two big touring cars, a dozen bank  
officials, representatives of the oil  
company and officials of the state,  
visited two banks and got the  
money, then at breakneck speed they  
rushed to the capital steps.

In telescopes the vast amount was  
carried to the treasury vaults, and the  
last man to climb the steps carried  
\$900,000. When the money was all  
transferred, the treasury doors were  
locked and the state officials counted  
the amount, thus ending the famous  
litigation.

BILLS REJECTED.  
Nashville, Tenn., April 24.—In the  
senate to-day a legal was made on  
the Cummings bills, allowing the sale  
in cities of certain population, and  
the manufacture in Tennessee of malt  
beverages containing not over 4 per cent.  
alcohol when these measures came up  
on second reading. Mr. Holliday  
demanded the reading of the bills, and  
each in turn, after a brief war of  
words, was rejected.

## STATE BANKERS SELECT PENSACOLA AS THE NEXT PLACE TO HOLD MEETING

Sends Special Message to  
the Legislature on De-  
fective Law.

UNDER PRESENT PROVISIONS  
SPECIAL TERMS OF COURT FOR  
SPEEDY TRIAL CANNOT BE LEG-  
ALLY CALLED—THE CASE OF  
THE NEGRO MICK MORRIS IS  
CITED BY THE CHIEF EXECU-  
TIVE.

By Fred M. Allen.  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 24.—Urging  
certain changes in the constitution so  
that justice may be the better ad-  
ministered and the cause of lynchings  
correspondingly decreased Governor  
Albert W. Gilchrist submitted a spe-  
cial message to the legislature today  
that is of unusual interest to the peo-  
ple of the state at the present time.  
Governor Gilchrist recently called  
a special term of court to try Mick  
Morris, the murderer of former Sher-  
iff Langston of Leon. The trial was  
not held because it was found that  
under certain provisions of the con-  
stitution a jury couldn't be secured  
legally. A letter from Judge Palmer  
explains this and the defects in the  
law and is enclosed with his mes-  
sage to the legislature by the gov-  
ernor.

Judge Palmer makes some interest-  
ing remarks in his letter, calling at-  
tention to the fact especially that  
the courts must not be too hasty and  
that a judicial murder is much worse  
than a murder by a mob. In his mes-  
sage Governor Gilchrist says:  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.  
State of Florida, Executive Office, Tal-  
lahassee, April 24, 1909.

Gentlemen of the Legislature:  
Your attention is respectfully in-  
vited to the following:

On the 19th day of March, 1909,  
William M. Langston, sheriff of Leon  
county, was murdered while in the dis-  
charge of his duty. On the 39th day  
of March, Mick Morris was arrested,  
charged with the commission of this  
crime. Owing to the state of the pub-  
lic mind existing in this county, steps  
were taken to secure a prompt trial.  
Under Section 1812 of the general  
statutes a special term of court can  
only be called by the judge of the  
circuit in which the court is held. The  
judge of this circuit was requested by  
me to order a special term of the  
court, the necessity for which action  
was communicated to him. He ordered  
a special term of court to convene  
at Tallahassee on April 5, 1909. Under  
section 1814 of the general statutes,  
I directed Judge B. B. Palmer to pre-  
side over the court. Judge Palmer  
convened court on that day. He in-  
formed me that several grave ques-  
tions arose which, in his mind, would  
warrant him in adjourning court with-  
out a trial, in consequence of which  
Mick Morris, the prisoner, was trans-  
ferred to the county jail in Duval  
county. The calling of this court un-  
doubtedly allayed the excitement in  
this county and probably prevented a  
lynching. It also developed the neces-  
sity for a change in the law, in order  
that court may be held in emergency  
cases similar to this.

A letter was written by me to Judge  
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Sixteenth Annual Meeting  
Came to Close at Live  
Oak Yesterday.

VOTE ON MEETING  
PLACE WAS CLOSE

PENSACOLA WON BY MARGIN OF  
ONE VOTE—JAS. W. ANDREWS  
OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL  
BANK PLACED PENSACOLA IN  
NOMINATION, AND THE RESULT  
IS BANKERS WILL GATHER  
HERE NEXT APRIL.

At the sixteenth annual convention  
of the Florida Bankers' Association  
yesterday in Live Oak, Pensacola was  
chosen as the place where the conven-  
tion of 1910 will be held. Pensacola's  
claim for this honor having been placed  
before the convention by James  
W. Andrews, assistant cashier of the  
American National Bank of this city.  
The vote on naming the next place  
of meeting was very close, Pensacola  
winning by one vote.

The business at yesterday's sessio  
of the convention, which was held  
in the city hall at 8:30 a. m., con-  
sisted of report of committees, election  
of officers, new business, discussion of  
postal savings banks and guaranteeing  
bank deposits.  
Immediately after adjournment at  
12:30 p. m., the delegates and their  
friends left Live Oak for Dowling  
Park, a resort about fifteen miles dis-  
tant, where an old-fashioned dinner was  
served, after which boating, bathing,  
etc., was enjoyed until 5 p. m., when  
all returned to Live Oak.

A banquet was tendered at the  
Suwannee hotel last night, Hon. Cary  
A. Harder, of Live Oak, acting as  
toastmaster.

The following toasts were assigned:  
"The Ladies," Hon. Frank Adams, of  
Jacksonville; "The Press," Frank W.  
Harris, Ocala; "The Cracker Legisla-  
tor," Hon. H. H. Buckman, Jackson-  
ville; "Don't Worry," John G. Chris-  
topher, Jacksonville; "The Vice Presi-  
dent of a Country Bank," S. A. Hiney,  
Live Oak.

## POLICE SAVED NEGRO FROM A SAVANNAH MOB

Unknown Man Who Robbed  
Girl of Purse Rescued  
From Mob of 1,000 By Of-  
ficers.

By Associated Press.  
Savannah, Ga., April 24.—But for  
protection afforded by a number of  
policemen tonight, an unknown negro  
who, after a struggle, robbed Miss  
Nellie Brown, a young white girl, of  
her purse, and who was pursued by  
fully a thousand men and boys, would  
have been roughly handled. During  
the chase pistol shots rang and knife  
blades gleamed.

## Peter Collier, Famous Publisher, Drops Dead

By Associated Press.  
New York, April 24.—Friends who  
were at the side of Peter F. Collier,  
the publisher, when he dropped dead  
early today in the Riding Club in  
East 58th street, said that he uttered  
no warning cry before he collapsed.  
After having dined with a number of  
men friends at the club, he was an  
interested spectator of the annual  
horse show at the club, although not  
an exhibitor. The show closed about  
midnight and Mr. Collier was pre-  
pared to descend the stairs from the  
third floor when he was stricken.

Those who stood near him caught his  
falling body, else it would have rolled  
down the stairs. Assisted by serv-  
ants, members of the club carried the  
postrate form to a sofa and Dr. F.  
Tilden Brown was hastily summoned.  
After a brief examination Dr. Brown  
said that death had been due to apoplexy.  
Mrs. Gilbert H. Montague, a daugh-  
ter of Mr. Collier, was immediately  
notified and she hastened to the club  
to make arrangements for the re-  
moval of the body, a coroner's permit  
having been previously obtained.

## Effigy of Gov. Willson Suspended From Bridge

By Associated Press.  
Frankfort, Ky., April 24.—Unknown  
parties hung an effigy labelled "Gus  
Willson, Murderer of Justice," from  
a high girder of the bridge spanning  
the Kentucky river here last night  
following the announcement of par-  
dons to ex-Governor Taylor, former  
Secretary of State Finley and others  
charged with conspiracy in the Goebel  
assassination. The effigy bore this

inscription: "Gus Willson, murderer  
of justice; Taylor, Powers, Howard,  
Finley etc., murderers of Goebel. To  
show the world that Kentuckians be-  
lieve in justice, that they do not ap-  
prove the action of Willson in the  
pardoning of murderers before the  
trial and to show why there is such  
a thing as mob law." The effigy was  
cut down during the day and placed  
on exhibition at a local newspaper  
office.

## AMERICAN COMMANDER OF SULTAN'S NAVY; FLAGSHIP, AHMED RIZA AND FAMOUS MOSQUE



In the crisis in Turkey, while the  
sultan's very throne is tottering, the  
man Abdul Hamid places most de-  
pendence in is an American, Ramsford  
D. Buckman, admiral of the Turkish  
navy. The army is so divided that  
the monarch relies little upon it, but  
he has confidence in the navy and  
particularly in his high admiral.  
Buckman began life as a sailor on a  
merchantman. John D. Rockefeller  
met him and made him captain of a  
Standard Oil ship. Later he entered  
the employ of the Cramps, and when  
they built the cruiser Medjidieh for  
the Turkish government he was as-  
signed to take the vessel to Constan-

tinople. There the sultan was so im-  
pressed with Buckman that he made  
him a vice admiral. That was in  
1902. "Buckman Pasha" is now the  
head of the whole Turkish navy, the  
sultan's right hand man.